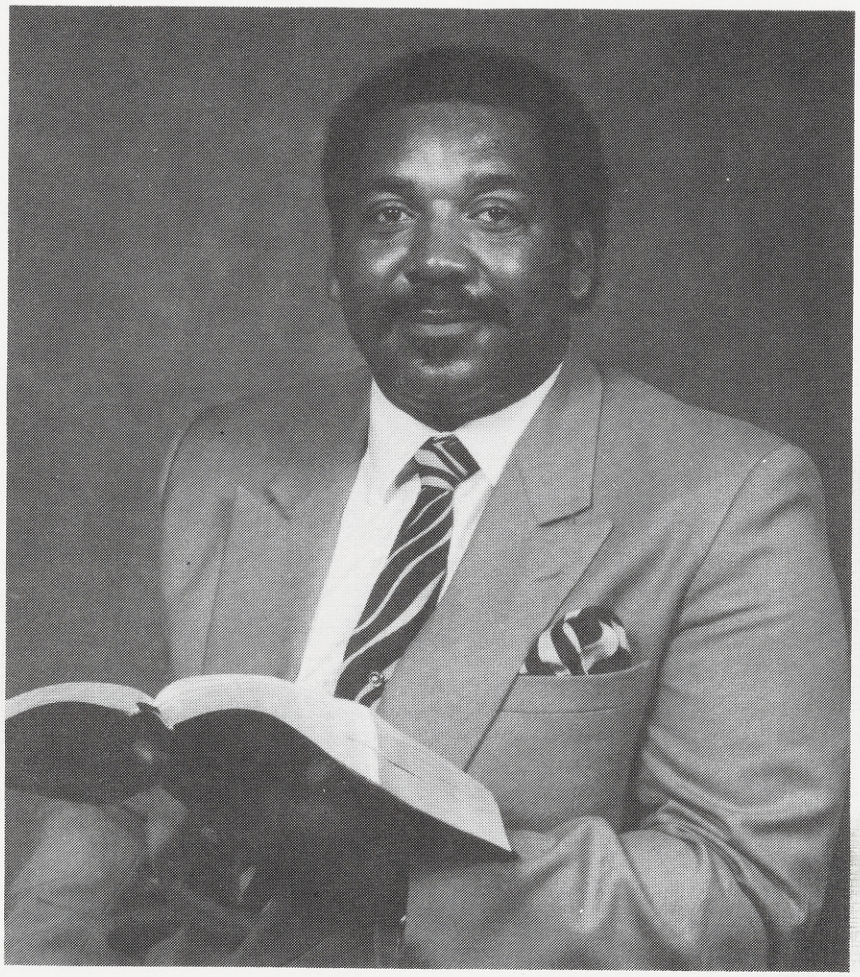
Memorial Services

for

Superintendent Gregory Stewart Martin

Chief Adjutant, California Northwest Jurisdiction



Born:
May 10, 1947

Departed:
September 5, 1993

Local & District Observances

Friday, September 10, 1993 ◆ 7:00 PM

Good Samaritan Cathedral ◆ Church of God In Christ

625 West Mac Arthur Boulevard

Oakland, California

Elder Donald Murray, Pastor

Obituary

The epitaph of this faithful and dedicated servant, ***Superintendent Gregory Stewart Martin,*** would read: *"For I am now ready to be offered up, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*

The Chief, as he was commonly known, was a sensitive, benevolent and God fearing man of God. The noise of this world has made it difficult for us to hear the sweet voice of the Lord who whispered into his ear. But the Chief heard the call and responded and is now *"absent from the body and present with the Lord."* On Sunday morning, September 5, 1993, the Lord sent his angels to carry his servant from labor to reward, and they stepped across the threshold that we call *"death"* into the portals of the chambers of God.

Superintendent Gregory S. Martin began his life on May 10, 1947, in Oakland, California. He was the second of ten children born to the union of the late Superintendent Jesse L. Martin and Missionary Clarancy M. Martin. He attended John Muir Elementary, Lowell Jr. High and McClymonds High Schools respectively and is a graduate of Laney College, Oakland, California. He also served a term in the United States Army, in the rank of Sergeant, and was Honorably Discharged. In 1970, he was joined in Holy matrimony to Barbara Jean Harris.

Superintendent Gregory S. Martin heard the voice of the Lord at an early age and responded to the call at Soul Harbor Church of God In Christ and was baptized in the Holy Ghost at Holy Temple Church of God In Christ in Oakland, California. He served as youth pastor under the leadership of his father, until his father's homegoing. In 1976, Elder Martin was ordained and became pastor of Zion's Tabernacle Church of God In Christ, and later became Superintendent of the Pentecostal Fellowship District.

Superintendent Gregory S. Martin was the first black district manager for the Coca Cola Bottling Company in Oakland, California. Being compelled by the call of the Lord, he resigned his position at the Coca Cola Bottling Company to be full time pastor of the Zion's Tabernacle Church of God In Christ. However, the call did not stop there. In 1987, ***Superintendent Gregory Martin*** was appointed Chief Adjutant of California Northwest Jurisdiction, and subsequently was appointed to the Jurisdictional Executive Board where he served faithfully in all these capacities until his demise.

Superintendent Gregory S. Martin leaves to share his memories a devoted and loving wife of 23 years, Evangelist Barbara J. Martin; three sons: Alonzo Watts, of San Francisco, Minister Lamar Watts, of Oakland and Minister Wade Harper, of Pittsburg; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Harper; four sisters: Gail Young, Gloria Lee, Paula R. Martin, all of Oakland, and Pamela Martin-Bobo, of Hayward; three brothers: Vance Martin, Warren Martin and Blair Martin, all of Oakland; five sister-in-laws: Yvonne Martin, Bernice Martin, Arnetha Martin, Deborah Rodgers and Beverly Matthews, all of Oakland; four brother-in-laws: Supt. Grady Harris, Eld. Alvin Rodgers, Charles Young, all of Oakland, and Captain Angel Bobo, of Hayward; mother-in-law, Malissie Harris; two uncles, Fred Martin and Mathis Allgood, of Oakland; one aunt, Charlotte Allgood of Oakland; a godmother, Mother Irene Smith; a grandchild, Ms. Tyler Nicole Harper; five godchildren: Tony Walls, Tamara Thrower, Nehemiah Johnson, Gregory Ashley and Kristin Martin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godsisters, godbrothers and friends. And last but not least, the loving members of Zion's Tabernacle Church of God In Christ, Pentencostal Fellowship District Family and the California Northwest Jurisdiction.

Order of Service

Masters of Ceremony
Elder Elmer Randolph, Assistant Pastor, Zion's Tabernacle
Elder G. Harris, Asst. Chief Adjutant, CNW

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... *Officials, Clergy and Family*

READING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES
Old Testament ..... *Elder J. Devereaux*
New Testament ..... *Elder S. Campbell*

INVOCATION ..... *Elder Grady Harris*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE

ZION'S TABERNACLE REMEMBERS

CHURCH MOTHER	DEACONS/BROTHERS
Mother Devereaux	*Brother Morris Moore*

SELECTION ..... *Pentecostal Fellowship District*
Missionary Yvonne Martin

DISTRICT EXPRESSIONS

Christ Universal Temple	*Refreshing Fountain*	*Holy Trinity*	*Dist. Miss'y*
Pastor C. Johnson	*Pastor R. Lyons*	*Pastor C. Williams*	*Miss'y C. Allgood*

SELECTION ..... *Pentecostal Fellowship District*

CLERGY EXPRESSIONS ..... *Elder O. Benton*
Supt. F. W. Cotton
Pastor D. Murray
Bishop Q.C. Simmons

TRIBUTE ..... *Elder Alvin Rodgers*

RESOLUTIONS
Zion's Tabernacle ..... *Sister B. Jones*
Pentecostal Fellowship District ..... *Miss'y J. Freeman*

SELECTION ..... *G. S. Martin Memorial Choir*
Glad Tidings Church, Hayward, CA.

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... ***Elder J. W. Macklin***
Int'l S.S. Supt., CANW, 1st Admin. Assistant

VIEWING/RECESSIONAL ..... *Fuller Funeral Home & Staff*

"HAIL TO THE CHIEF"

LEAN ON JESUS

Weeping may endure for a night,
but there will be joy tomorrow.
Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and He will take away the sorrow.

We serve a very wise God,
He knows exactly what to do.
He holds the future, He knows the past
and He knows what's best for you.

There will be trials and tribulations,
heartaches and pain.
But it was never meant to hurt you,
it was only for your gain.

Sometimes we don't realize
that all things work together for the good.
Some things don't happen when we expect them,
but exactly when they should.

In these times just lean on Jesus,
He is an everlasting friend.
He will never leave you nor forsake you,
He will be with you until the end.

Andrae' Rodgers (Nephew)

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